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NEPA MANUAL FOR MATERIEL ACQUISITION

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Army Environmental Center has recently completed preparation of a *NEPA Manual for Materiel Acquisition*. The document was prepared for members of the Army materiel acquisition community. The manual, dated November 2000, incorporates current information contained in AR 70-1 (*Army Acquisition Policy*) and the most recent drafts of DoD Regulation 5000.2-R (*Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs and Major Automated Information System Acquisition Programs*) and AR 200-2 (*Environmental Analysis of Army Actions*).

PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The manual provides advisory information for integrating the requirements of NEPA into the materiel acquisition process. The purpose of this information is to assist persons performing materiel acquisition functions, including Program Executive Officers (PEOs), Deputies for System Acquisition (DSAs), and Program/Project/Product Managers (PMs), with the implementation of NEPA policies and procedures. Application of the information in this manual will help ensure the integration of environmental considerations into the decision-making process. It will also encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions that directly affect the quality of the human environment.

The manual is divided into nine sections as follows:

- Introduction and Overview
- Integration of NEPA Considerations into Acquisition Planning
- Acquisition Category Considerations
- Planning and Initiating a NEPA Analysis
- Categorical Exclusion and Record of Environmental Consideration
- Environmental Assessment Preparation and Content
- Environmental Impact Statement Preparation and Content
- Other Special NEPA Considerations
- Application of the NEPA Process in the Acquisition Life Cycle

The manual is one of a set of four “how-to” manuals covering the integration of NEPA into Army activities. Previously published manuals cover base realignment and closure, installation operations, and on- and off-post training NEPA considerations. The manual represents a “living document” which will change as future improvements to the acquisition process occur.

A memorandum will be forwarded from ASA(I&E) to ASA(ALT) providing the acquisition community a fact sheet describing the NEPA Manual and instructions on how to access the document. The manual can be accessed at the following Army Environmental Center web site: www.aec.army.mil/prod/nepa/docs.htm.



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